

**POINT TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR SUPERVISORS MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 08, 2025**

The Point Township Board of Supervisors held their regularly scheduled meeting on the above date at the Point Township Municipal Building, 759 Ridge Road, Northumberland, PA. Present were: Chairman Randall W. Yoxheimer, Vice-Chairman Thomas Strouse, Jr., Supervisor Montie Peters, Supervisor Joseph Stender, Jr. and Supervisor Clay Rowe. Also, present were: Solicitor Richard J. Shoch, Sergeant Kevin Rushton, Office Manager/Secretary/Treasurer Amanda McClain and Office Assistant Amy Hoffman, Roadmaster Jared Wehry, ZEO Jackie Hart and SEO William Toth.

Visitors present: Helen Peters; Earl & Karen Persing; Pat Brown; Zachary Black; Glenda Tom, Sr. Strouse; Randy Persing; Nonresidents in attendance: Clint Rockey; Evan Dangle

Chairman Yoxheimer welcomed everyone to the Supervisors meeting and all present repeated the Pledge of Allegiance. *(Draft of the minutes of the Regular Supervisors Meeting and a copy of the bills to be paid this evening on the front table of the meeting room provided for anyone interested in viewing the information, once reviewed please return to the table).*

Yoxheimer informed everyone that there were 3 conditional use hearings prior to the regular supervisor meeting. The hearings started at 5:30PM and ended just before the start of this regular meeting.

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION made by Peters to approve the minutes of the Regular Supervisor Meeting held on Tuesday, March 11, 2025. Seconded by Stender, Jr. and passed unanimously.

REPORTS: (Old & New Business included):

Solicitor:

- Joint Comp Agreement with the Borough of Northumberland: the Board did already approve this; I was able to complete that agreement to have the Borough sign.
- Resolution 2025-03 Reimbursable Consultant Review/Admin Fee Schedule: the previous Resolution for this was 2023-03, which this one will replace. This sets forth the reimbursable consultant review and admin fees.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to adopt Resolution 2025-03 for Reimbursable Consultant Review/Admin Fee Schedule. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

- Resolution 2025-04 Revised Zoning Permit Fee Schedule: this supersedes a prior resolution. Some fees were increased: zoning hearing, conditional use fee, and zoning verification fee. Those are the only changes to this Resolution.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to adopt Resolution 2025-04 for the revised Zoning Permit Fee Schedule. Seconded by Strouse, Jr. and passed unanimously.

- Resolution 2025-05 Joint Appeals Board with corresponding Agreement: this is for the joint articles of agreement for the appeals board, which would be a joint property maintenance and Uniform Construction appeals board. This had been discussed at the last couple meetings, I believe. Jackie

has coordinated this with some surrounding municipalities. This would be a board that would hear appeals on UCC determinations and/or property maintenance determinations. This would be with Northumberland Borough, the City of Sunbury and Washingtonville Borough. We already had a property maintenance appeals board established, so they will serve on this, and we will look to appoint someone new once their terms are up. This has been sent to each those municipalities Solicitor's and they have not indicated any changes they thought needed to be made. Our office staff here at Point Township will be the admins to facility any appeals.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to adopt Resolution 2025-05 for the Joint Appeals Board and the corresponding Joint Articles Agreement. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

- Resolution 2025-06 Agricultural Land Development Exemption: this came out of a discussion from the Feaster conditional use hearing. This is only for nonresidential farm buildings.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to adopt Resolution 2025-06 to allow exemptions for certain non-residential farm buildings of Land Development. Seconded by Strouse, Jr and passed unanimously.

Secretary: *(Financial Report on File)*

McClain just a couple informational things, our grant reimbursements have been submitted. Both grants have been submitted by the Township Engineer, Growing Greener and Multimodal. We just got an email today saying the Growing Greener was received and processed and we should see the money in 4 to 6 weeks. The next informational news is for the Joint Comp Survey. This is the 2nd survey that has been distributed. Lastly, I promised Edward Koebke that I would read the letter he gave us with the dividend reimbursement. Letter read advising of EMC dividend payout in the amount of \$6,709.51.

Police Department: *(Report on File)*

- Revision of Hiring process & application Forms for ADA Compliancy: **Rushton** with looking to hire another officer, we had a meeting with Ken Davis, our pre-employment screening paleographer. He brought to light some issues that have become recent with ADA compliances and the hiring process. We don't have to change what we do, just the order that we do it.
(Discussion ensued)

Fire Department: *(No Report)*

Black nothing

Peters I have a question. The donation letters that were sent out. What happens with the money?

Black it is to be split 50/50 with both Fire Companies.

Peters how does the Fire Police get money.

Black we decide that as a board, I ask for a certain amount of money.

Fire Police: *(No Report, per Black)*

EMA: *(No Report)*

Engineer: *(No Report)*

- Grant reimbursement status: **Yoxheimer** as Aamanda had said, the Township engineer did get both grants submitted for reimbursement. I want to mention that when those projects were going on. In the area of Franklin Street, only a portion of that was the Sewer Authority's responsibility to pave, but the whole thing was paved and it was done by a change order which the Sewer Authority paid for. Once we get those reimbursements, we will have to pay the Sewer Authority that amount back. Someone at the Sewer meeting Thursday night will make a motion for that invoice be sent to the Township.

Road Department: (Report on File)

- Approval of advertisement for Hookies Grove Road Seal Coat and Stonework: this will be 2 separate contracts. We will buy the stone and hire a contractor to place the stone. After driving around with Todd Pysher, the extra 400 some feet of Mountain Road, the really bad sections, into the quote as well. The current estimate for the seal coat work is \$136,000.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to approve the advertisement for sealcoat to go out for bid, not to exceed \$136,000. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to approve the advertisement for the stonework to go out for bid for Hookies. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

- Approval for 2 catch basins and 100 feet of perforated pipe for drainage work on Hookies:

Strouse Jr. were is the 2nd basin going?

Wehry down by Heintzelmans, its down there in the woods.

Strouse, Jr. well we have to have a conversation about the basin at Reedy's. (*sent 2 pictures into the Township to show Supervisors the water, Jackie displayed them on the whiteboard*) This excessive water has happened several times. The picture shows the house where the Tilfords used to live.

The basin he wants to put in, is up at Reedy's on the left side of the road and would turn more water on this side of the road. My dad and I were working on a project with NRCS to put a swale between Reedy's and Tilfords. We put that on hold since you were looking to place a catch basin, if your looking to put more water on that side that pipe at Tilfords either needs to be bigger or something needs to be done. It washes all the stone out in front of his house. I think there is a 30-inch pipe there. If you put a bigger pipe, we are going to have to do something with the swale in the field. My father and I are going to have to figure out what project we have to do, to correct what you guys are going to do.

Wehry that will project require more work down in that area.

Strouse, Jr. if you put a bigger pipe, I will have to tell the NRCS to forget the initial project and we are going to have to do a project from there to the woods. The water runs into there garage.

Wehry how long has this happened?

Strouse, Jr. ever since those houses up there were put in, has been for some time.

Yoxheimer I am thinking we will have to have an engineer study done.

Strouse, Jr. I think the pipe is rotted out, which we will get to. We were going to start a couple weeks ago and when I talked to Reedy, he said you may want to wait and then I called Jared and was talking to him about this.

Wehry if we forgo the catch basin and pipe at Reedy's that will not affect the project.

Yoxheimer can you check the condition of that pipe that runs underneath there? If that's a 40 inch pipe, it should be handling that amount of water. (**Strouse, Jr.** *I think it's a 30 inch pipe*) even at 30, it should handle that water. As a temporary solution, is a 24 foot run between that tree and that, and put a pipe in and see what it does?

Wehry I think we have some extra pipe down below. But then you would have to build that driveway up as well. If I recall, there is not much on top of that pipe, right?

Strouse, Jr. no there is not much there, you can pretty much see the top.

Yoxheimer well lets hold off until we can get Todd to look at things, I am just trying to think of something temporary we can do to give these people some relief. Is there anything that can be done with that swale at the out flow by that tree. Check out the pipe there.

MOTION by Yoxheimer to approve the purchase of 1 catch basin and 100 feet of 18 inch pipe. Seconded by Rowe and passed unanimously.

- Truck sign on Mountain Road: Randy you had requested that we add this to the agenda. Rick and I have talked about this, and we did have an ordinance ready to go last May.

Shoch I looked back through my things, and we were trying to figure out why we didn't move forward with that. The ordinance I had prepared was not to limit weight, but length. After talking to Jared, I believe we did that because to have a weight limit there would have to be an engineer study. For some reason it was just dropped.

Wehry there is a study that we can do in house that we had all done.

Shoch we thought maybe there was discussion to include other roads with length restrictions.

Strouse, Jr. I think I had said about Comfort Road.

Wehry Comfort Road is a weight limited road already.

Yoxheimer lets just get this on the books then.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to approve the advertisement for the length restriction for Mountain Road, not to exceed 45 feet. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

- Protocol on residents' driveways when ditch work gets started: Tom wanted this put on the agenda for discussion.

Strouse, Jr. how do we want to handle this. Are we going to have the resident buy the pipe and we install it.

Yoxheimer the history in the past was Jimmy would install if the homeowner bought the pipe. The pipe would have to be approved by the Township.

Wehry ever since I have been in here, the policy under George, I don't know if it was an actual policy, or if it was something he decided to do, we did not touch private pipe.

Yoxheimer the thing we need to consider and worry about is them putting in their own pipe. Is it going to be done the right way, correct depth, etc.

Hoffman if the resident is replacing, wouldn't they have to get a driveway permit and then Jared would be inspecting that during the pipe installation.

Wehry yes, they would have to do that.

(Discussion ensued)

Shoch if we have an ordinance in place that states the responsibility of the homeowner and what we could require them to do.

Yoxheimer Jared you work with Rick, along with Todd to create an ordinance with specifications for pipe replacement.

Shoch Jackie just pulled up the driveway ordinance, she has it here on her computer, it does address the ongoing maintenance of driveways and pipes, if it becomes crushed, or has sediment in it.

Hart it says the property owner shall be responsible for any and all costs for maintenance to a public road resulting in stormwater run off caused by improperly maintained driveway pipes.

Strouse, Jr. there we have it then.

McClain maybe take one section of road at a time and look to see what needs to be done, and then send the driveway ordinance out to the homeowners to prepare them.

- John Deere: the John Deere did not sell. It got up to \$15,100.

Yoxheimer let the weeds grow up a little and then readvertise.

Strouse, Jr. how much will they give you for trade in on an attachment for the skid steer.

Wehry I did not go that route. I can reach out to Bradco about that.

Strouse, Jr. have it run and end May 20th.

Peters we will sit on it until the next meeting.

Sewage Enforcement Officer: *(No Report)*

Toth issued 2 permits, one for a new home and 1 for a repair. Took an application at Rockey Auction and did 2 soil profiles and observed 3 soil profiles on Hookies Grove Road that were done by a soil scientist.

Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer: *(Report on File)*

Hart issued 9 permits: deck at 318 Shady Lane; Residential duplex at 157/159 Franklin Street; storage shed at 145 Starook Road; Denied a Quonset hut permit at 3760 Point Township Dr; roof top solar at 150 Blue Hill; new single family home at 1236 Ridge Road; new auto shop for W&L at 144 Diner Road; storage shed at 984 Old Danville Hwy.

Planning Commission: *(No Report)*

- Conditional Approval for Rockey Auction Land Development: you should have the conditions in front of you from the engineer for these plans.
Toth the perc test has not been done. Your condition says not for approval until that is completed. This individual's property adjoins a culvert that goes right under the railroad tracks and right to the river. So, he would qualify, in the event of any malfunction, for a small flow. The sewage would be addressed one way or another if it malfunctions.
Yoxheimer so you want us to approve this based on a contingency that one or the other method would be available.
Toth what I am saying, is that sewage is not an issue.
Yoxheimer sewage is an issue to me when I am the one signing the plans. My understanding is this is something that should be able to be accomplished in a couple weeks.
Toth yes, depending on the weather. I am just letting you know the options.
Rockey what happens if my sewer fails tomorrow?
Yoxheimer your second site that was determined before you bought the property was covered over by the previous owners with a parking lot.
Rockey I know, but I have agreed with everything you have asked of me.
Yoxheimer the sooner you get with Bill and have the 2nd site locked down, then I can sign the plans.
(Discussion ensued)

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to conditionally approve the Rockey Auction Land Development Plan, with the following conditions: 1. The Design Engineer must satisfactorily address all review comments by the Township Engineer; 2. The Developer must identify a secondary area for on lot sewage disposal based on soil percolation testing for same by the Township SEO; 3. The Developer must provide financial security for all proposed non-building site improvements in an amount that is acceptable to the Township Engineer, and in a form that is acceptable to the Township Solicitor. Seconded by Rowe and passed unanimously.

- Rescind Conditional Approval for Brubaker Plan from 3/11/2025: stormwater was not depicted as discussed, easement's are needed, and drafts copies of the new deeds.

MOTION made by Peters to rescind the conditional approval that was made at the March 11, 2025 Supervisor Meeting. Seconded by Stender, Jr. and passed with a vote of four (4), with one (1) abstention – Yoxheimer.

- Conditional Approval for revised Brubaker Plan:

MOTION made by Peters to conditionally approve the Brubaker Plan, with the following conditions: 1. The plan drawings must be revised to show updated drainage swales and requisite drainage easements on downslope properties; 2. Draft copies of new deeds (based on the property boundaries that appear on your Final Subdivision Plan) for Lots 1 and 2 must be provided to the Point Township office. Seconded by Stender, Jr. and passed with a vote of four (4), with one (1) abstention – Yoxheimer.

Recreation: *(No Report)*

- Locks for bathrooms:
Hoffman the Board stated at the last meeting that they would look into locks for the bathrooms.

Wehry are we going to leave the bathrooms opened or closed?

Hoffman Lacrosse is currently paying for a port-a-potty down there now.

Wehry the road crew is willing to take over the cleaning.

McClain can a daily maintenance, you guys start at what time in the summer?

Wehry 6AM. Most days we should be able to down there first thing, but there may be some times when we have to meet with a contractor.

R. Persing all of you?

Stender, Jr. how would they be locked at night.

Hoffman if they are able to go check on the bathrooms first thing in the morning, maybe we can pin point when something is happening.

Yoxheimer unless you have cameras down there, you won't be able to tell who is doing the vandalism.

- Cameras for the park:

Rushton I went down to the park with Rich to access where cameras could be placed and we would not need internet initially to get your basic cameras going. You can use an NVR. We can secure the equipment in the basement below those bathrooms.

Wehry then if something happens, we can go back and check the footage.

McClain/Hoffman Rich did give us a quote for the cameras, it was sent out to all of you yesterday I believe, \$652.

Rockey can anyone make a donation to buy these cameras?

McClain yes, they absolutely can.

Rockey I will make a donation to purchase the cameras.

Yoxheimer/Strouse, Jr/McClain thank you very much

Wehry I can get signs made that say under video surveillance.

Sewer Authority: (No Report)

- Accept resignation of Sandra Sulouff for Sewer Authority: **Yoxheimer** does anyone have any recommendations for a member to the Sewer Board? Can we get that up on the website?

McClain/Hoffman it was already placed on the website.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to accept Sandra Sulouff's resignation from the Sewer Authority Board. Seconded by Strouse, Jr. and passed unanimously.

- Appoint/Advertise for new member:

Yoxheimer just to note that there was discussion about the Sewer Authority using the Township mailbox in front of the building to start having their mail delivered here to the Township, and our secretaries will disburse the mail to her.

Other Business:

General Public Comments/Resident Concerns:

Brown have you come up with any ordinance for yard maintenance?

Shoch that is on my plate and I will have something done for next meeting.

Brown this will be the third year that there are 10 bags of garbage in the carport, it is ridiculous.

Peters that Keystone building on Route 11 is sold. They are looking to mover there whole operation to that location.

Hart is that the Amish? (*Peters yes, good group of guys*) I have talked with them and they are aware of what they need to do. That property is in 2 different zones.

Pay Bills:

MOTION made by Peters to pay bills. Seconded by Stender, Jr. and passed unanimously.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 9:02PM.

All motions passed by hand vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Executive Session:

List of Communications: (*On File*)

Amy Hoffman, Office Assistant

Financial Reports: (*On File*)

Amanda McClain, Office Mgr/Secretary/Treasurer

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